

House Resolution No. 980

Whereas, Napoleon B. "Poley" Braswell of Marquand, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Ninety-third Birthday on April 1, 2003; and

Whereas, on April 1, 1910, in Marquand, God brought a special gift to William and Etta (McDaniel) Braswell with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Napoleon, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Poley Braswell will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his early years of education and his marriage in Marquand on April 7, 1930, to Margaret Anna Starkey, with whom he shared an incredible seventy-one years of wedded bliss; and

Whereas, Poley Braswell has been blessed with the love of a wonderful family whose members include his children, Marion (deceased), Helen, Warren, Wanda, Barbara, and Donald (deceased); twenty-four grandchildren; forty-four great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Poley Braswell worked in a railroad-tie yard and at a Crayon factory, and labored as a cotton picker, a fur trapper, a bottle washer in the soda factory at Marquand, and as a janitor in the Marquand-Zion R-VI School District, where he was delighted to see his grandchildren every day; and

Whereas, an ardent St. Louis Cardinals fan, Poley Braswell has also enjoyed recognition as a great baseball pitcher whose nickname was Pelt because he could really pelt a baseball and some people even thought he could have played professionally:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Poley Braswell at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Napoleon B. "Poley" Braswell, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Kevin Engler
District No. 106

Representative Dan Ward
District No. 107

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 980, adopted March 20, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker